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SOUTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

Southern Command personnel handled 1257 crashes as compared to 1216 crashes in September of 2005. This was an increase of 3.4%. As compared to last year, crashes that resulted in fatalities increased 225%. In actual numbers, there were 13 fatal crashes in September 2006 and 4 fatal crashes in September 2005. The Southern Command preliminary documentation shows a 8.5% increase in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes. Of the 78 commercial crashes investigated this month, there was 1 fatality; 7 resulted in injuries, and the remaining 70 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 6.1% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services section of the Southern Command processed 1109 crash reports in September 2006. This resulted in 5608 crash reports being mailed out, 25.5% more than last year. There were 1040 visitors, requesting police services, to the Front Office which was an increase of 16% when compared to September 2005. The Southern Command Communication Center also logged 25768 CAD incidents and approximately 32,000 telephone calls.

The Southern Command had an increase in overall enforcement of 58% in September 2006, as compared to September 2005. This increase may be a result of the recent recruitment, hiring and training of new officers into the vacant officer positions here in the Southern Command. Total DUI arrests were up 53% as compared to last year. DUI's from crashes were up 2.2% as compared to September 2005. Occupant restraint violations were up 112% over September 2005.

The Southern Command is driven to provide this community with a professional and effective law enforcement presence. The Southern Command extends a thank you to all those who assisted us in gaining success in our law enforcement services this past month.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	September-06	September-05	% Change	August-06	% Change
Total crashes	1257	1216	3.4%	1270	-1.0%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	931	947	-1.7%	970	-4.0%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	313	265	18.1%	297	5.4%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	13	4	225.0%	3	333.3%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	47	46	2.2%	69	-31.9%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	14	4	250.0%	3	366.7%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	3	2	50.0%	1	200.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	3	0	300.0%	0	300.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	3	0	300.0%	0	300.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	2	1	100.0%	0	200.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	3	1	200.0%	2	50.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	78	71	8.5%	69	11.6%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	70	55	27.3%	53	32.1%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	7	16	-56.3%	15	-53.3%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	1	0	100.0%	1	0.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.3 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 3.7%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 42.8%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 6.12 %
- ✱ Total crashes up 3.4 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes up 8.5% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes up 225% compared to last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	September-06		September-05	% Change		August-06	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	47		46	2.2%		69	-31.9%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	221		129	71.3%		198	11.6%
Other arrests	1244		690	80.3%		1120	11.1%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	508		339	49.9%		475	6.9%
Speed violations	3945		2284	72.7%		3484	13.2%
Hazardous moving violations	2423		1799	34.7%		2461	-1.5%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	833		393	112.0%		771	8.0%
Total violations [above violations included]	12065		7634	58.0%		11518	4.7%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	66		145	-54.5%		71	-7.0%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	252		104	142.3%		280	-10.0%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	815		826	-1.3%		731	11.5%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0		0	0.0%		2	-200.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	295		209	41.1%		287	2.8%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1828		1336	36.8%		1808	1.1%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	130		74	75.7%		122	6.6%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	82		91	-9.9%		60	36.7%
Total school buses inspected	308		224	37.5%		424	-27.4%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	46		28	64.3%		58	-20.7%
Total trucks weighed	1327		637	108.3%		107	1140.2%
Total overweight citations	61		36	69.4%		33	84.8%
Total dyed fuel inspections	637		1120	-43.1%		673	-5.3%
Total dyed fuel citations	1		1	0.0%		1	0.0%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	0		0		0
Safety Violations Citation	0		0		0
Safety Violations Repair Order	0		0		0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0		0		0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0		0		0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0		0		0

OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.143%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 31.67 years old.
- ✱ 3.4% of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 1.7% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.
- ✱ Traffic Enforcement is up 58% from last year and up 4.7% from last month.
- ✱ Commercial Operations, hazardous moving enforcement is down 54.5% from last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle inspections are down 1.3 % from last year.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	Sept-06		Sept-05	% Change		Aug-06	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions from Console	205592		116892	75.9%		200235	2.7
Radio Tx and Receive totals	973995		389451	150.1%		788970	23.5%
CAD Incidents	25768		24858	3.7%		26812	-3.9%
Telephone Calls	32004		38250	-16.3%		31901	.3%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	40		133	-69.9%		92	-56.5%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	1109		1202	-7.7%		1359	-18.4%
Arrest Reports Processed	497		366	35.8%		374	32.9%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	3		28	-89.3%		19	-84.2%
Vehicle Impound Releases	84		96	-12.5%		127	-33.9%
Visitors at Counter	1040		690	50.7%		896	16.1%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	5608		7523	-25.5%		5618	-0.2%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	365		380	-3.9%		264	38.3%
Warrants Entered	411		31	1225.8%		253	62.5%
Warrants Cleared	278		130	113.8%		198	40.2%
Warrants Validated	1244		1449	-14.1%		1595	-22.0%
Extradition / Transports	12		8	50.0%		12	0%
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	83		83	0%		79	5.1%
New Items Submitted	143		164	-12.8%		146	-2.1%
Items Disposed	71		7	914.3%		11	545.5%

***Information is received from a private entity and they have identified problems within their calculations.

EVIDENCE

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 96.4 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 3.6 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Compliance Enforcement Division is responsible for 0% of case submissions.

PUBLIC INFORMATION**Public Requests for Information: 288**

19 were forwarded to Traffic Sgts, commendations and complaints

269 were general questions from the public to include NRS questions, traffic citations and how to obtain a accident report

Press releases: 15

11 were fatality related and all were related to Highway Patrol business.

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE INCOMING AIRMAN'S BRIEFING:

Personnel reporting to Nellis Air Force Base were presented a class on Nevada traffic laws with special emphasis on seat belt safety and the dangers of driving while intoxicated. September 19, 2006.

HEAT PROGRAM: TRAFFIC SAFETY CLASSES:

The HEAT program has had another successful month with educating the community.

Several Troopers checked out the Camaro and HEAT truck to take to several schools throughout the valley to talk to the students about seat belt safety. We were also honored to lead a driving safety and DUI awareness session for the driver's education teachers from the Clark County School District. The HEAT program also had the opportunity to address the Nevada Professional Driving School Association and made itself available to each individual school.

HEAT RACING CONTINUED:

The HEAT involvement with the Midnight Mayhem series continues to be a hit with all participants. Good community turnout with a great chance to meet with many of the teen "racers". September 15, 2006.

DRIVER'S EDGE:

No events were scheduled in Nevada during September, giving us to chance to plan the upcoming P.A.C.E. Yourself Teen Driving event coming in November. Driver's Edge returns to Nevada in October.

COURAGE TO LIVE PROGRAM:

The HEAT program welcomes another positive addition to the NHP. The Courage to Live program will provide an educational presentation as well as an open discussion forum for adults and parents of middle school and high school students throughout the Las Vegas Valley. We are still in the planning stages and plan to hit at least 2 middle schools in the Fall.

DPS EXPLORERS PROGRAM:

The HEAT program is in the process of putting another strong tool in the shed of the Nevada Department of Public Safety. Preliminary talks have begun with the Boy Scouts in an attempt to re-start and Explorer Program. The program will be run under the care of the Training Division. This promises to be a very positive addition to the DPS.